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The following circular published by Mr. John W. Haseltine fully explains itself. We will only state that the sale of Mr. Haseltine's valuable collection will take place at Bangs & Co., on the 28, 29 and 30 inst., and that we will take and execute all orders for catalogues at the specified rates:

"During the past six years, I have formed a collection of the United States Dollar, Half Dollar and Quarter Dollar, with a view of publishing a work upon the same, giving with detail and minuteness full descriptions of the varieties, so that they could be readily

distinguished. This has cost me many hours of labor and close application. As many of the varieties have very close resemblance to each other, great care has been necessary to describe them so that they can be easily identified. Many of the descriptions are very long, and I think with attention and care any one can determine the variety. Having decided not to issue a work upon the subject (at least at present), I have concluded to offer my whole type table of the United States Dollars, Half Dollars and Quarter Dollars for sale at Public Auction, giving as full descriptions with numbers as they would have in a special work upon the subject. It will be remembered that they are the finest specimens of the varieties that I could obtain from my stock and sales at auction in six years, and while I do not say that they comprise all the varieties issued, still I think not many others will be found. In selecting the specimens for my type table, I have taken great care to obtain only those that are well centered and not misstruck, stars sharp, and bold impressions in every particular. Collectors will discover that they will probably never again have an opportunity of obtaining such beautiful specimens for their cabinets.

The full descriptions of even the common varieties necessitates issuing a catalogue of vast dimensions, which would certainly entail a loss upon me unless I received some recompense for all my labors and research upon the subject sufficient at least to partly pay for the printing. I have, therefore, determined to charge a nominal price for the catalogue, which I think numismatists will not object to paying when they consider that I am actually giving a work to the public which will, in some measure, be a standard for varieties of these coins, filling the place of a book which, if I had issued it, would have cost at least from three dollars to five dollars

per copy. I propose to charge fifty cents each for these catalogues. To every person purchasing a copy, there will be forwarded a printed list of the price sold for at the sale, the pages to correspond with the catalogue, so that it may be bound with it if desired.

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Dr. Geo. W. Massamore has issued the catalogue of quite an interesting lot of coins, autographs, war envelopes, etc., to be sold by him at Baltimore, Md., on the 21st inst. Among the good things to be offered we notice a Beauregard Medalet, a set of Chalmer's Annapolis Currency, and a 1797 half dollar.

PUBLICATIONS, ETC.

Mason's Coin Collector's Herald for September. An excellent number, by the variety and quality of its articles commending itself to the attention of coin collectors. In his remarks about what he is pleased to call our "unpleasantness" with Dr. Woodward, Bro. Mason loses sight of the fact that all Numisma has published under that score have been really only fair, honest and truthful criticisms of certain coins offered by the Dr. in his sales, while thus far the Dr.'s replies have been simply of personal abuse and vituperations. The 1665 XII Pence was purchased as stated in July number of Numisma, and if of recent manufacture, the fact, if proved, would certainly add another feather to the Dr.'s cap, who is responsible for its introduction at a sale to the purchasing public. It is true that at the time of the sale several buy-

ers, whom we can name, publicly announced it to be spurious, but our faith in the Dr.'s statements made to us at the time was so unbounded that we actually bid against the Dr. himself up to \$11. at which price he *kindly* let us have it. What we now want to see is not so much a duplicate of the piece, which would prove nothing, as a statement printed by Bro. Mason, or sent us by him, or any one else, giving a full history of the piece, its origin, where manufactured, etc. Give us facts Bro. Mason not simply innuendos and we shall cheerfully acknowledge that like the boy in Franklin's Almanac "we have paid dearly for our whistle."

In answer to the above, which we privately submitted to Brother Mason, he sent us the following information, which we add without comments.

"In regard to the "XII pence," I may be in error, and prefer not to say too much. I saw two duplicates and purchased them, receiving \$5 each for them when sold. We do not know positively that the pieces are of recent manufacture, but from the *price, the man*, and other circumstances I presumed the piece was "a catch." I think yours will fetch \$10 or more at a sale, for I do not believe any more can be had at any price, as I subsequently to my first purchase offered 4.50 each for two more, and the answer was "have none." I was led to think they were bogus, because I secured from the same source 2 copper bar cents having similar rude workmanship."

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Collectors desiring to obtain copies of the handsome medal of the Centennial Celebration of Arnold's raid on New London and Groton, Conn., should send their orders at once, either to the publisher as above, or to us. The medal is really very finely executed and must hold its appropriate place among the Centennial series.

SOME COINS OF JULIUS CAESAR.

1.

Laureated head of Caesar to right; *Rev.* L. FLAMINIUS IIII VIR. A female figure (Felicitas or Venus Victrix) standing to the left, holding a caduceus and a spear.

2.

CAESAR IMP P. M. Same head, a crescent to the left between the letters P. and M. *Rev.* L. AEMILIUS BVCA. Venus standing to the left, holding a small figure of victory and a spear.

The head of Caesar on this coin, when a *fleur de coin*, is very expressive and in good style.

In the year B. C. 63, the office of Pontifex Maximus became vacant by the death of Q. Metellus Pius. The candidates for it were Q. Lutatius Catalus, Q. Servilius Isauricus, and Caesar. Catalus and Servilius had both been consuls and were two of the most illustrious men in Rome, but Caesar was elected on the 6th March and obtained more votes even in the tribes of his competitors than they had themselves.

About B. C. 46 when so many titles were conferred upon him, he became a member of the great priestly college of augurs.

The simpulum and lituus on No. 3 are symbols of these offices. The crescent on this and star on another coin, refer to the corrections which he made while Pontifex Maximus, in the festivals. The republican calendar was in charge of a college of pontiffs, who had been accustomed to lengthen or shorten the year at their pleasure, for political purposes; the confusion at length became so great that the Roman year was 67 days in advance of real time, so that the festival of Flora was celebrated on the 11th July, instead of April 28th. With the aid of Sosigenes, he adapted the year to the sun's course. The change took place January 1, B. C. 45, and our calendar is still in the main, the same.

3

CAESAR IMP. Laureated head of Caesar to right; behind, a lituus and a simpulum. *Rev.* M. (sometimes C. N.) METTIVS.

Venus Nicephorius standing to the left, holding a figure of Victory and a spear. Behind her is a shield resting on a globe; K. (varieties with C. H. 1.) Caesar changed the number of moneyers, B. C. 44, from three to four. They were M. Metius, L. Aemilius Buca, L. Flaminius Chilo and C. Cossutius Maridianus, and the senate passed a law permitting Caesar's portrait to be placed on the coins. Venus Nicephorius (or Venus Victrix)

which we find on the reverse of this coin, was the most honored by Julius Caesar, who instituted her worship. Dion relates that he attached the greatest importance to a seal on which was engraved Venus Victrix, and that in the battle of Pharsalus he gave this word to the soldiers because Pompey gave to his, *Hercules Invictus*.

The Venus Victrix here refers to the celestial origin of Caesar, as well as to the victories he obtained over his rivals.

M. Mettius was sent by Caesar at the opening of the Gallic War, B. C. 58, as legatus to Ariovistus, king of the German league, and was detained prisoner by him, but subsequently rescued by Caesar.

L. Aemilius Buca, L. Flaminius and C. Cossutius Maridianus are known chiefly from coins; the first supplicated the judges on behalf of M. Scaurus at his trial in B. C. 54.

The name *imperator* belonged in the republican period to the victorious general, and was laid aside after surrendering the military command. Caesar bore it first as governor of Gaul in the usual way, but in B. C. 46, he was invested with the title for life. So that there is a distinction between the permanent title, which was subsequently prefixed to the name (as on a coin of Nero—IMP. NERO, etc.) and that which was temporary and therefore capable of repetition (shown, for instance, on a coin of Domitian; IMP. XXII. COS XVII. which was placed after the name Caesar, even when he had been called in the former sense Imperator once for all, was yet, after the gaining of victories, saluted by acclamation on the battle-field as *imperator*; he never bore the title, however, prefixed to his name, but constantly called himself, and made others call him simply *Caesar imperator* (without adding any sign of repetition.)

4.

CAESAR DICT QVART. Same head; behind, a lituus. *Rev.* M. METTIVS. Juno Sospita in

a biga, to the right, holding a lance and a javelin.

5.

CAESAR DICT. PERPETVO. Laureated and veiled head of Caesar to right. *Rev.* c. MARIDIANVS. Venus standing to the left, holding a figure of victory and a shield; at her feet, a globe.

Caesar was the first invested with the dictatorship temporarily after the return from Spain in B. C. 49; then after the battle of Pharsalus from the autumn of B. C. 48, for an indefinite time; lastly from January 1st B. C. 45 as an annual office, to which he was designated at first for ten years, and ultimately in B. C. 44 for life. Thus when he died, B. C. 44, he was dictator for the 4th time. Sospita, that is the "saving goddess" was a surname of Juno at Lanuvium and at Rome, in both of which places she had a temple.

According to Riccio, she was placed on the coin by Mettius to indicate that he had sprung from Lanuvium and because the city was then favored by Caesar who had raised it from a *municipium* to a Roman colony, and had built a wall around it.

Boutskowski places the date of No. 1 at 42-43 B. C. and the others 44 B. C.

The Venus Victrix, with the shield and globe are also said to indicate that Caesar had conquered the world.

E. W. H.

COIN SALES.

September 14. Supplementary sale, Chicago, Ill. The balance of the collection of which our Chicago correspondent speaks so entertainingly in last No. of Numisma was sold on that day. No catalogue was issued, but the number of buyers present being considerably larger, the opportunities to secure bargains did not occur again, everything selling at full prices.

October 6. Coins, Autographs, War Envelops, Fractional Currency, etc. etc. 621

lots. Catalogue by Dr. Geo. W. Massamora. Sold by Wm. Scemuller, Baltimore, Md.

October 10 Oriental and European Coins, chiefly of Siam, China, Japan, Venice, Papal States, etc. 641 lots. Catalogue by Scott & Co. (37th sale?) Sold by Geo. A. Leavitt & Co., Clinton Hall, New York.

Nearly everything at this sale sold at fancy prices, and collectors throughout the country appeared to think that this would be their last opportunity to secure Eastern coins. The facts however are simply that every missionary, agent, or business men in China or other Eastern country, who makes the slightest effort to secure specimen of the coinage of those countries, generally succeeds beyond his expectations in forming, at nominal rates, interesting collections of those very queer and odd coins, razor shaped, wheel shaped, bullet coins, etc., etc. They are all quite common in China, and being for the greater part cast are easily counterfeited by modern Chinese manufacturers. Let the "Heathen Chinese" but get an inkling of the wants of American collectors in this line, and the market will soon be flooded by an agglomeration of coins of any size or shape, dating back to any desired dynasty or period. As an intelligent Chinaman expressed himself to us when we showed him one of these numismatic prizes, "We gotte muchee in Hong Kong, one dolla!"

October 11 and 12. Indian Curiosities from Fort Berthold, Dakota, collected by Mr. William Courtenay of the United States Indian Service. 485 lots. Catalogued and sold by Geo. A. Leavitt & Co., Clinton Hall, New York.

A very fine and complete collection, comprising a large number, in many varieties of designs and shape, of dancing ornaments and cases, war stones, coup sticks, wooden bowls, war bonnets, dancing gaiters, head dresses, braided sacks, mink and bear skins, buffalo

ornaments, mocassins, shield's, war clubs, tomahawks, spears, knives, etc., etc.

October 15. American Coins and Foreign Medals. 654 lots. Catalogue by H. P. Smith and sold by Bangs & Co., New York.

October 17 and following days. Antique, Middle Ages, and Modern Coins, Reformation Medals, etc. Catalogue by Mr. Adolph Hess. Sold at Frankfort-on-Main, Germany.

October 21 and 22. American and Foreign coins and medals, Biblical Coins, American Colonial coins, Political medals and tokens, Medals and coins of the Revolutionary periods of France, German coins and medals, etc., etc. 1533 lots. Catalogue by Ed. Frossard. Sold by Bangs & Co., N. Y. With an excellent attendance of buyers, prices at this sale ruled very low, especially for the Presidential series, and many bargains were secured by shrewd buyers like Major Nichols of Springfield, Mass., and others present. Among the best prices realized we note: Groat of Henry VII, uncir., \$4.35; do Mary, 3.05; Louis XVI. 1792, crown, 4.25; New Yorke in America, brass token, 13.50; 1795, Vermont cent, rarest variety, poor, 10.50; New Jersey, 1786, Immune Columbia, very fine, 38; unique Geo III. and Washington reverse token, 16.89; S. J. Bestor's card, silver. 5.50; Martha Washington, 1792, pattern dime, struck in copper, 13.75; 1873, set of trade dollars, 27.; Cross of Legion of Honor, 6.75; a coin cabinet formerly the property of J. J. Mickley of Phila., was withdrawn, and is now offered by us at \$50.

Thick paper copies of this sale, fully priced in ink, are for sale by us and will be forwarded post paid on receipt of 50 cents.

October 25. Charles F. Woolley's collection of Stone relics, illustrating the archæology of Europe and America; also a small collection of American coins. 554 lots. Catalogue by W. E. Woodward. Sold by Bangs & Co., N. Y.

October 26, 27 and 28. The collection of John E. Burton, of Geneva Lake, Wisconsin. 2034 lots. Catalogue by W. E. Woodward, (42 sale). Sold by Bangs and Co., New York.

Mr. Burton, still a young man, and by no means an old collector, has for the last few years been a most assiduous as well as liberal purchaser at the various coin sales held during this period. In consequence of this and the fact that his orders were generally unlimited, he became the owner of a large number of beautiful and coveted American coins, and his collection bid fair soon to rank among the best in the country, when, lo! the extensive mining speculations in which he was engaged made him a bankrupt instead of a millionaire, and it became necessary to "unload." We do not wish to speak harshly of Mr. Burton, who is a well informed and energetic western speculator, but any one having a \$5,000 collection to dispose of certainly should, out of the proceeds of the sale, set enough aside to pay for unsettled coin bills. In this case it appears that Mr. J. W. H. of Philadelphia, had the mortification to see about \$900 of coins, sold by him to Mr. Burton, actually resold without being able to get a legal hold on his property, or to forbid the sale until his claims were settled.

As usual with Mr. Woodward's catalogues many of the coins were overdescribed, hence, although apparently reasonably low, the greater part fetched extremely high prices. The exceptions were chiefly among a few of the rarer silver issues, for which Mr. Burton had really paid very extravagant figures. The following are among the prices realized:

1793, Ameri, very fair for variety, \$16.75; do., Chain cent without dot, fine, 39.; do., Liberty cap cent, very fine, 72—; another, about equal to last, a scarcer variety, 15; 1794, Starred cent, about 4th or 5th best known (not 2d as stated by Woodward) 28.; 1795, lettered edge cent

(previously sold by Scott at 100.) 30.; do., thin planchet, really beautiful, 37.; 1796, Liberty cap, very beautiful, 50.; 1797, uncirculated, 15.; two 1799 cents, each 27.; 1804 cent, perfect die, good, 12.05; 1809, fine, 18.50; 1821, fine, 7.25; 1794, dollar, excellent specimen, 100.; 1795, flowing hair, very fine, 17.; do., fillet, 12.; 1796, 10.50; 1798, small eagle, 13 stars, fine, 11.50, do., 15 stars, good, 9.; 1836, flying eagle, proof, 12.25; 1838, original and proof, 61.; 1839, do., 50.; 1851, fine proof, 52.50; do., 1852, 46.; 1853, do., 21.; 1854, very fine, 12.50; 1855, uncirculated, 11.; 1856, proof, 9.50; 1858, very fine, 38.25; half dollars, 1794, fine, 30.; 1796, 15 stars, originally the property of Prof. Anthon, undoubtedly the finest half of this date known, 275.; do., 16 stars, very good, 69.; 1797, very good, 64.; 1802, fine, 13.25; 1804, altered date, 5.; quarter dollars, 1796, nearly proof, 37.50; 1804, uncirculated, 82.; 1823, 52.; 1827, mint restrike, uncirculated, 128.; 1853, without arrows, fine, 9.50; dimes, 1796, very fine, 8.50; 1802, 21.50; 1804, pierced but good, 7.10; half dimes, 1802, quite fine but bent, 100.; 1805, unusually fine, 21.; fractional currency 15 cents, Grant and Sherman, of which there were eleven notes, brought from 5.15 for printed signatures, trimmed edges, to 8.75 for red back, autograph signatures of Allison and Spinner; half cents, 1795, thin planchet, uncirculated, 15.; 1796, probably a counterfeit, barely fair, 15.50; and another, broken die, barely fair but genuine, 17.; the rare dates of half cents brought from 8.25 (1852) to 17.50 for an 1841, original. Among the Washington pieces a half dollar, 1792, brought 41.; while the Voltaire medal, really one of the rarest and finest of the Washington sold at 60c.; two varieties of Stonewall Jackson medals, 8. each; 1878 Barber's pattern dollar, 18.75; gold set, 1879, 15.60; Confederate half dollar, (Scott's restrike) 5.07.; 1650, Pine tree shilling (spurious) 20.;

Highley copper, pierced, 17.50.; Carolina elephant, 1694, 22.; set of Swedish plate money, 4 pieces, 42.—; half shekel of Simon Macca-baeus, 20.; collection of the fractional cur-rency issued by corporations and individuals in the loyal States, during the rebellion, 1835, notes, 69

October 31 and Nov. 1 and 2. Catalogue of library, etc. At the end of this catalogue, compiled by Mr. W. E. Woodward are 28 lots of coins, chiefly U. S. proof sets from 1861 to 1879, and a Washington medal, *silver*, two inches in diameter, but not suffi-ciently described to be placed by the cata-logue.

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Our Home, and Science Gossip, a 16 page monthly, published at \$1 per annum by An-drus & Illingworth, at Rockford, Illinois. Besides the usual literary matter this highly commendable publication produces excellent articles relating to various branches such as entomology, astronomy, geology, numismatics, philately, archæology, education, etc., all treated from a popular point of view. The introduction of a paper like this into the fam-ily circle, to take the place of the sensational weeklies that frequently act as corruptors of the minds and morals of the young, might be of infinite use and benefit to many. It fur-nishes abundant suggestions for interesting and innocent pastimes, pursuits, and studies for the home circle, contains nothing objec-tionable, is published at a price that places it within the reach of all, and offers in its pre-mium list valuable standard works on scien-tific subjects. We are pleased to place "Our Home and Science Gossip," on our ex-change list.

NUMISMATIC GOSSIP.

Mr. H. G. Sampson lately showed us a very perfect, well struck, and strictly fine specimen of 1794 dollar for sale by him.—It is claimed that the enlargement of the restau-

rant and bar at the Sinclair Hotel, opposite Bangs & Co., is largely due to the influx of hungry and thirsty coin dealers and buy-ers who congregate in that neighborhood.

—In our description of the so-called Con-federate half dime in the July No., we should have said "cotton bloom" not "flag" in the centre of reverse. We had the pleasure of inspecting in the cabinet of a distinguished Brooklyn collector a duplicate of this interest-ing token. It was actually picked up for 10 cents some years ago from the counter of a coin dealer in Fulton Street, New York.—A careful buyer returned from our May sale a set of very rare medals bought at \$5.40. They brought \$28.80 in our September sale.

—Dr. Woodward's latest venture is in "Old clo' and domestic *necessaries*. He ad-vertises among his wants "articles of dress and domestic use."—Mr. Charles Steiger-walt is about enlarging his coin paper and will raise the price to 50 cents per annum. We wish him all success, but fear that it will be quite a difficult task to secure the 1,000 subscribers wanted, unless Charley abstains in the future from the wholesale rehashing of ar-ticles published in Numisma and Mason's pa-pers.—Mr. and Mrs. Collier, of New London, paid us a visit while on a trip along the Hud-son. Mr. Collier is well known to our readers as the author of the brilliant Numismatic son-nets which have appeared in these columns, and both he and wife are devoted coin col-lectors. Before leaving Mr. Collier captured from us a beautiful, nearly proof 1796 half dime.—The coin cabinet offered in our Oct. 21 and 22 sale, was originally the prop-erty of Mr. J. J. Mickley of Philadelphia.—Many of the 1799 cents now offered are counterfeits. Collectors should look with suspicion upon all cents of that date, no mat-ter how fine the date may be, where the mint mark (a dot) on reverse, under *e* of *one* ap-pears to be tooled.—The corner in Grant and Sherman 15 cent notes has *burst*.